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SUBJ: CONTINUATION OF VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS ON RUBBER FOOTWEAR

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1. SEPTTEL TRANSMITS TEXT OF KOREAN TRADE NEWS ARTICLE OF JANUARY 12 REPORTING THAT ROKG HAS DECIDED TO HAVE FOOTWEAR MANUFACTURERS CONTINUE IN 1976 VOLUNTARILY TO RESTRICT CANVAS (BTN 700.62) AND RUBBER (BTN 700.53) FOOTWEAR EXPORTS TO THE U.S.

2. IN FOLLOW UP WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS, EMBOFF LEARNED THAT AMBASSADOR HAHM HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO RESPOND TO SEVERAL "EXTREMELY STRONG" REQUESTS PRECEEDING AND SUBSEQUENT TO MEETING WITH STR REPORTED REFTL BY INDICATING ROKG WILLINGNESS IN PRINCIPLE TO DISCUSS CONTINUED VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS. HOWEVER, OFFICIALS STATED THAT A FOUR TO FIVE PERCENT INCREASE OVER 1975 LEVELS WHICH HAS BEEN MENTIONED BY STR WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE AND HENCE ROK AGREEMENT IS GENERALLY ONLY TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER. ONE SOURCE EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT AWARE OF DISCUSSIONS AND WONDERED ABOUT THE REASONS UNDERLYING STR PREFERENCE FOR NEGOTIATING PRIVATELY WITH ROK EMBASSY AT WASHINGTON.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: ROK ACCOMMODATION TO EXCLUSIVE STR INITIATIVES WOULD BE MORE UNDERSTANDABLE TO US HAD NOT THE SAME SOURCE IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATION REPORTED ROKG OFFICIALS CONVICTION THAT

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STR HAD ACTED TO PRESERVE LEVERAGE ON RUBBER FOOTWEAR BY ATTEMPT-

ING TO DISCOURAGE TREASURY OFFICIALS FROM WAIVING ASSESSMENT
OF A TRIVIAL COUNTERVAILING DUTY ON RUBBER FOOTWEAR. ASSUMPTION
THAT STR WILLING TO NEGOTIATE INCREASES IN RESTRAINT LEVELS
IS UNDOUBTEDLY KEY STIMULUS TO ROK RESPONSE. HOWEVER, ROKG MAY
BE EXPECTED TO PROLONG ANY NEGOTIATIONS WITH STR UNTIL OUTCOME
OF NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR ACTION BECOMES KNOWN. IT WOULD THEN OPT
TO SEEK VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT LEVELS ON RUBBER FOOTWEAR FAR
EXCEEDING THE AREA OF 15 TO 20 PERCENT ANNUAL GROWTH PERMITTED
UNDER EXPIRED RUBBER FOOTWEAR UNDERSTANDING, DEPENDING ON THE
SEVERITY OF ANY U.S. PROTECTIVE ACTION ON NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR.
ROK OFFICIALS SAY THEY MUST OBTAIN VERY LARGE INCREASES IN LATTER
EVENT BECAUSE "OTHERWISE OUR INDUSTRY WILL HAVE NO WHERE TO GO."
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